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Mr. Noe,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Noe:

Last summer in New Mexico, Dr. F. W. Hodge of the Heye Museum told me that you have in your collection a silver medal which was found in an Indian burial in Nebraska, and which bears an inscription showing that it was given to Petalesharu by the young ladies of a Seminary in Washington in commemoration of his feat of chivalry in liberating a Comanche girl who was about to be offered to the Morning Star.

I am very anxious, if possible, to obtain a transcription of the text of the medal and also a photograph of the medal itself, and to have these transmitted direct to Mr. J. J. Isaacson, room 201, City Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, as soon as may be convenient. The purpose for which I desire ~~the medal and the~~ photograph and inscription is for use in a pageant commemorating the seventy-fifth Anniversary of the formation of the Territory of Nebraska. As you know, in 1854 this territory was formed.

This pageant is to be given the first week in November of the present year in Omaha. I have incorporated in the book of the pageant the ~~story~~ of Petalesharu, and as you can see a publication of a photograph of the medal and some account of its finding, as also mention of its present resting place, would be most admirable publicity.

If you can at all accommodate me in this matter, I shall be very glad to transmit to you whatever expense is involved in the making and mailing of the print.

Very truly yours,

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H B Alexander

Oct. 8, 1929

Mr. H. B. Alexander
Scripps College
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mr. Noe has been received, concerning the Petalesharu medal. Although we possess this medal, unfortunately we cannot help you out in any way for some months to come, because due to building operations and preparations for moving into the new building, all our material is now packed and inaccessible. We also have a photograph, but that too cannot be located.

Somewhere in the Indian Museum there is a photograph that we gave them, and I think they have written up the medal in one of their notes. You might write to them and say that we referred you to them, and the reason why.

I am also very sure that Mr. Bauman L. Belden, 1 Hamilton Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, has a photograph, and you might write to him.

I am sorry that we cannot accomodate you at this time.

Yours very truly,

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Curator.